

1 240052 DA CDC Request that the approximate 250 personnel of 1st Arm Div currently at CDEC be returned to JMWK control and home station soonest. Journal

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2 240125 Gen Wheeler War Room Shift "B" In preparation for the CDEC briefing for Gen Taylor, the army is requested to provide Col Blocker (tel 242000) by 0400 each morning any problems encountered covering the score, impact and etc. The army representative at the CDEC meetings are to serve as back up for three airless. Journal

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3 240444 JDC JINCHIEH JCS is to hold an advisory session against Cuban bound vessels transiting Panama Canal. Journal

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4 240500 COM-RC D COM-RC req auth from D- to cancel demon for WC scheduled 31 OCT. Journal

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5 240750 Gen Wheeler WR Gen Wheeler visited War Room. Reviewed CITREP & significant events. Discussed the following with Gen Parker:

1. Savannah ramp project - Chief of Staff directed that specific recommendations be obtained from MO on construction of port facilities at Savannah.
2. Gen Parker advised the C/S that 1 BMT has been added to the PACOM Mob to bring the total up to 5 BMT's
3. The C/S is still not satisfied with plans concerning tanks ashore on D-3. In original planning the lack of tank support was ascertainable, but the situation has changed. The C/S wants tank support with landing forces. If CG XVIII Air Corps responds to M query that present plans for tank support are adequate, the Army staff must give counsel.
4. Pass to the Army Staff that the selection of Army component units for Ball to -D should not be

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5 based solely on proximity to the area of employment, but rather on combat readiness. In the event live units have approximate equivalent combat readiness, then proximity would be factor.

6 240820 L. J. Hall Col Fletcher Repeat JCS 6920 to component commanders - JMO etc. Indicate Buck Shot for staff dist. Journal

7 240915 CINARC 3000PS Msg in reply to DA 220593 in re outlining TF of 1st Arm Div. Journal

8 241111 JCS CINARC C/C Wheeler & dictated personal msg to Gen Powell in regard to items he desires to discuss w/ G. Powell in meeting 241600 Oct. Messrs di sponson Journal

9 241120 CINARC 3000PS Operations Summary as of 240900 Oct. Journal

10 241125 CINARC DA IN 279733-ITMS req to furnish instr in re to move of pers of TF Charlie 1st Arm Div. Journal

11 241130 CINARC Sitrep as of 232400Z (DA IN 279541) Journal

12 241135 Ft Hood CGOINARC 1st ME Bn departs by air for James Connally FB 240900. ETA of last 1/2 Ft Bragg 241012Z (DA IN 272826) Journal

13 241140 CINOSTRIKE CINCARSTRIKE CINOSTRIKE Reg one Nike Hero Bn be provided CINCON-2 for SE US Def. Journal

14 240515 Significant events period 230515 to 240500 Journal

15 241250 CINARC JCS PONECON from Col White CINARC Reports all CINARC ARLANT & RSTRIKE forces attained DEFEND 3 status 241330 Journal

16 240830 C Wheeler C Fletcher JCS Gen Parker's debrief 240830 Journal

17 241330 JCS Movement report period ending 241200Z Journal

18 241222 CGOINARC CGXVIII 1/3 CINARC rec that 1st Arm Div HC be moved to Ft Stewart with the 1st, 2d, 5th & 6th Increments of TF "Charlie" Div rear CP per remain at Ft. Hood. Journal

19 241415 CONARC CINCLANT Operations Summary as of 240000Z includes following significant items:  
 CINCSTRIKE released 1st CTL of 52d D Bn 2d Msl Regt (Nike-Hercules) - 1 Btry, Ft. Bliss to CINCOMAB.  
 Responsibilities for immediate reaction forces has been assigned to 5th Inf Div (Main) Div to have one brigade of two med Inf Bns in ready & deployable status. Post on board Journal

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20 240900 Col Lang Col Fletcher DTMS needs more lead time on movements of units in order to have additional time to negotiate with railway officials - Requests name of person or persons to contact Lt Col Wilson Lt Col Hooley, Mr Collins, Lt Col Falls. COSCPS CT OR regarding above to acquaint them with problems & request assistance for Col Lang. Journal Troop Movement report

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21 241245 Ft. Hood CONARC-CINCSTRIKE 40th Sig Bn Ft. Gordon Ga. departed this station 241200Z Oct 62. 7 Off. 165 EM 68 ven EFA Ft. Gordon Ga. 282200Z Oct 62 Journal Troop Movement report

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22 241250 Ft. Hood CONARC-CINCSTRIKE 261st Sig Co Ft. Bliss Tex departed this station 241200Z Oct 62. 2 Off. 62 EM, 28 ven. Journal Troop movement report

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23 CINCLANT CINCSTRIKE BRIEF: The first infantry brigade, Ft. Benning (first ARB, 58-Inf. and first BG 29th Inf) is not on the STRAC troop list. Unit is committed under 4 JDF PL K "defense of the Florida Keys". This message also contains a listing of logistical units on the STRAC list and not involved in Cuban op plans which are essential to execution of 34d Army support plan for CINCLANT plan and defense of the Florida keys, and requested immediate release of these units. Journal

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24 CONARC COSCPS/COM Message requests that CONARC be notified (with respect to hawk Bn 8/15 located at Ft Lewis) of authority to move, destination, date on site, and command which will assume operational control of unit. Journal

25	CINC-RIB	JCS	Three (3) special forces detachments type 1 will depart canal zone at 241700Z for Ft Bragg.	Journal																					
26	CINCINAD	JCS	<p>The status of CINCPAC FORCES DEPLOYING in support of CINCLANT is:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>UNIT</th> <th>DEPARTS</th> <th>ARRIVES HOMECOM</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>6/65th Arty Bn</td> <td>221258Z</td> <td>240458Z</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Btry 1</td> <td>221258Z</td> <td>240458Z</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B</td> <td>220227Z</td> <td>241227Z</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C</td> <td>230115Z</td> <td>241227Z</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D</td> <td>230227Z</td> <td>241227Z</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E</td> <td>230227Z</td> <td>241227Z</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	UNIT	DEPARTS	ARRIVES HOMECOM	6/65th Arty Bn	221258Z	240458Z	Btry 1	221258Z	240458Z	B	220227Z	241227Z	C	230115Z	241227Z	D	230227Z	241227Z	E	230227Z	241227Z	Journal
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27	SEC	SECDEF	(From General Parker for General Powell) This is to confirm my understanding that no repeat no elements of the 4th Infantry Division and the 2d Armored Division are now committed to CINCLANT OPLAN and that both divisions therefore are now available for rapid reinforcement of USMACV.	Journal																					
28	241700Z	Col Brown, WAF LaChaussee JCS JC Rx	Discussed recommended distribution of SITREP (Ref attachd memo). Directed that "(1) JIG, JCS, CINCPAC, and JCS be deleted from SITREP distribution (2) add Army Materiel Command and COMUSMACV	Journal																					
29		LaChaussee	Meeting conducted by CofC at 1845, 24 Oct 62. Persons attended included: General Wheeler; General Powell; General Parker; General Hamlett (arr 1800); General Truman and General Hutchins. Discussed aspects of OPLAN 316-62 to include sealift, phasing of armor.	Journal																					

31	241038	CINCLANTM	CINCLANTFLT	BRIEF: In event Execution of REF A is not directed but Cuba Attacks NAVBASE GTMO, CINCLANTFLT directed provide air support to COMANTDEFCON for defense of NAVBASE GTMO.	BRIEF - Journal
32	241354	CINCPAC	JCS	BRIEF: Three special forces operations detachments /ALPHA, requested by CINCLANT, being held in C pending instruction from JCS.	BRIEF
33	241405	CG 12th BN C RPS	CG MAC LANGLEY	BRIEF: Dropping Dummy Parachutists was proposed as a diversionary measure in support of 316-61 and 316-62 Ref 1 and 2. Feel strongly that the drop- pings as proposed would be most effective in causing the enemy to divert some effort away from the Objective Area. Request that action be taken immediately to incorporate the Dummy Drop as proposed by utilizing any aircraft which can be made available	BRIEF
34	241558	CG 4th AGCM	CGMCCONARC	BRIEFING: Take action necessary to prepare and move the 2d Msl Bn, 52d Arty Regt (minus 1 stry), from Ft Bliss, and the 8th Msl Bn, 15th Arty, from Ft Lewis to Florida. Areas of deployment follow: 2d Msl Bn, 52d Arty (-) - Homestead AFB, Fla. 8th msl Bn, <del>15th</del> 15th Arty - Patrick AFB, Fla. 1 stry, 8th Msl Bn, 15th Arty MacDill AFB, Fla.	BRIEF <i>High event</i>
35	241715	CINCPAC	JCS	BRIEF: In view of the fact that the joint defense plan for the Florida Keys will be essential to the successful implementation of CINCPAC PLAN 316, recommend that the Joint Chiefs of Staff be reminded that the President of the United States must declare the area defined below as an exclusion area: The exclusion area will be bounded by lines through the following geographical points: (Area is being outlined on map) REMARKS: Talking paper with proposed submission to JCS.	BRIEF
36	241825	COMCONARC	JCSOPF 34	BRIEF: Moving Task Force Charlie to Ft Stewart enables the introduction of this TF into the	

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BRIEF: 2. All logistical requested units except the 168 Signal Co (Missile support), are released from the operational control of CINCSSTRIKE and made available for employment by CG MCGENHOC. The 168 Signal Co is an element of a critical unit, the 3d Msl Cde, and will not be released at this time.

3. Referring to the Hq and Hq Co of the 3d Msl Cde This Hq does not concur in release of this unit. The primary unit to provide administrative and logistical support for the RLNT advanced TF must be obtained from other sources. The 3d Msl Cde is considered a critical unit and has been reported as part of the USSTRICOM Forces constituting the JCS reserve.

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CINCSSTRIKE JCS

BRIEF: 2. Certain combat and service support units currently on the STP 3 troop list, but not committed to JPL N 312, 314, or 316, and comprising part of the USSTRICOM forces constituting the JCS reserve are being withdrawn and committed to the JDI-FL K defense of the Florida Keys. While it is recognized that every eventuality must be accounted for, it does seem that the concentration of forces in Florida would be sufficient to preclude any threat against this area.

3. This HQ has nonconcurred in the release of two elements of the 3d Msl Cde. The Hq and Hq Co was committed without prior clearance with this HQ. The 168 Signal Co was requested and denied by me.

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1. The 3d Msl Cde (air) is an air transportable unit and is capable of providing massive fire power. I strongly recommend this unit be retained intact for emergency use as opposed to the present dispersal plan.

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CINCPAC USMACVFORC

BRIEF: 1. It is directed that the Hq of the 1st and Div be moved to Ft Stewart Ga concurrently w/ Task Force Charlie.

2. Movement directive is being prepared to move element floating res to Ft Stewart. DAF following up.

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			3. Prepare on-call force 1st and Div for movement by rail, probably destination Ft Stewart.	
42	CONARC	RADCOM	BRIEF: Part one for RADCOM (S) in anticipation of utilization of 2/52 Herc BN (-) located at Ft Bliss, Texas, request you notify this Hqs, I-fo USARMYFOUR, US Air Def Cen, and USARMYTHREE CS-P of: a. Approval by JCS b. Authority to move. c. Final destination d. Location date on site e. Command which will assume operational control of 2/52 part two for USARMYFOUR, and USARMYTHREE f. Take immediate action to expedite preparation for movement of 2/52.	Journal
43	CONARC	CONARC	BRIEF: Lt Gen Waters has reported for temporary duty at my Hq and has been announced as acting Dep CG.	Journal
44	CONARC	CONARC	Recommenced adoption of proposals, pertaining to the drawings of dummy parachutists	Journal
45	CONARC	CONARC	JCS 6313 states - make best possible deployment Miami-Homestead Area. Telecons JCS-CONARC late 27 let in stated JCS opinion that the JCS statement meant deploy both battalions in the Miami-Homestead Area. I desire to deploy: a. The Nike Hercules to the Miami-Homestead area to provide SAM defense of Homestead and the continuous population therein in that vicinity. b. The Hawk Bn to provide low altitude SAM defense for: (1) Homestead AFB (2) Dade County (3) Macmillan AFB. Request CDP authority to deploy the two battalions as I have planned.	Journal



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CINCINAD ARADCOM

It is requested that you take necessary action with COMARCO to deploy the following units:

1. 2d Bn, 62th Arty (Nike Hercules) (minus 1 btry) from Ft Bliss, Tex, to the Miami/Homestead AFB, Florida, area to provide
2. 8th Bn, 15th Arty (Hawk) fr Ft Lewis, Wash to Florida to provide low altitude CIM defense of following installations a. Homestead AFB - b. Patrick AFB - c. MacDill AFB.

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47	242200	LtCol Recurr, CONRAD RUC	LtCol LaChaussee,	Five additional Air BN NG units required per discussion 3/Gen Exton, CONRAD, these units are submitted: Unit Army Location Str Auth Assgd 4/203 3 T LAMAR, FL 473 425 2/274 2 THEND, OHIO 473 424 3/437 2 C NTIN, OHIO 473 417 4/200 1 NINCI, NMEX 463 347 3/142 2 GEORGETOWN, Del 473 347 Passed to Mr. Kline, Mon PI	Journal
48	242115	CINCINAD	ACG	CINCINAD required ACG on auth for CONRAD direction movement of 8/54 Arty and raising operational control to 5 DCDM (CONRAD 222400)	Journal
49	242340		CONRAD	Be informed CONRAD of additional units nominated for or considered for Air priority mobilization. (12-120425)	Journal
50	242213	ACG	CINCL NT	ACG requests CINCL NT take action to move 3d Bn 3d from Ft. Bragg to Homestead AFB, immediately	Journal CONRAD
51	242147	3/	Major Army Commanders	Transmittal of security guidance for military and civilian personnel of the Dept of Defense.	Journal
52	242200 242400	3/ WITH	ACG	Movement report as of 242400	Journal

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24 October -- 0830 Hours -- GENERAL PARKER's DEBRIEF

1. I have been looking for a message from JCS concerning the use of the National Guard AW units -- check it.

(NOTE: Taber, Plans, present (action Mock). Mock informed 0850.)

2. What three or four AW units are the highest operationally ready. I have asked General Carns to look into this. Same note as in 1 above. (Taber passed to O&T -- Foster has action.)

3. When will the Meade HAWK unit be operational? I have stated 26th; if this is not true, tell me. Check with Mock. It is about right. He will check with ARADCOM.

I want to know operational readiness estimate on NIKK and 2 HAWK. (Mock has action.)

Is the NIKK STRAC? Answer: Yes.

Clear up the number of batteries in the cable which went out on this. (Mock has action.)

4. Message on WR Board from CONARC to AMC concerning data resulting from investigation of Savannah as a port for 1st Armored.

Question: What is recommendation? Check AMC for answer. AMC may want to check with CONARC before giving General Wheeler his answer. (WH has action.)

General Wheeler wants medium armor before D-3 -- mention Anderson's name. (WH has action.) This is same problem Anderson has been working on. This disagreement on the plan will be discussed with CONARC.

5. Additional guidance: General Parker wants answers piecemeal on operational readiness of HAWK and NIKK. Express the number of batteries rather than the Battalion (-).

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JESSE F. WHEELER  
Colonel, GS

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS**  
 Period 230515 to \_\_\_\_\_

1. 230515 CONARC directed mvt of trans boat and floating craft units DAIN 279072
2. 230515 CONARC directed movement of Hq, 3d Mal Cnd to Lauderdale (Admin spt for ARLANT); requested CINCSOUTH release units earmarked for flak plan DAIN 279156  
DAIN 279070
3. 232025 Blockade commences 241000 EDT; Sec Def auth to call up Res, extend active duty, freeze pers CINFO
4. 232121 JCS req USA provide HAWK Bn to CINCONAD JCS 6906
5. 232204 DA referred HAWK require to CONARC DA 320401
6. 231520 JCS stepped up security on U.S. Cuban opn bases; DA dispatched implement instr JCS 6904
7. 232032 CONARC req ret 250 pers from CDEC; DA req CDC to comply DAIN 279463
8. 232004 CONARC furnished AMC data on Savannah ramp project DAIN 279591
9. 232320 CONARC designated 4th Div min 2BG, plus 1st Inf Div elms in Europe as Europe reinforcing div vice 1st Inf Div DAIN 279605
10. 240444 JCS directed CINCARIB to hold in abeyance action against Cuba bound vessels transiting Panama Canal JCS 6927
11. 240500 CONARC req auth from DA to cancel demon for AMC sched 31 Oct.